

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James D. Ballew  
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Examiner: Benjamin P. Geib  
Group No.: 2181  
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Title: *Coupling Processors to Each Other for High  
Performance Computing (HPC)*

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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT SUBMITTED BEFORE  
MAILING OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

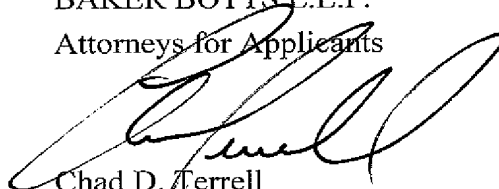
For reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully requests that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) file for this Application be promptly forwarded to Examiner Geib, for confirmation that the references listed on PTO-1449 attached to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed March 26, 2008, have been considered.

On March 26, 2008, Applicants filed an IDS with PTO-1449 form (two pages) attached, listing the references submitted for consideration. Copies of the non-patent cited references were also included. This IDS was received at the PTO on March 26, 2008, as shown on Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt No. 305516.

The Notice of Allowance for this Application was mailed on February 8, 2010. However, Examiner Geib has not returned a copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating consideration of the references cited in the IDS filed March 26, 2008.

Accordingly, **Applicant hereby requests confirmation of consideration of the previously-filed IDS.** For the convenience of the Examiner, copies of the above-discussed IDS, PTO-1449 form, cited non-patent literature, and Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt are enclosed. Examiner Geib is requested to initial the references listed on the PTO-1449 form to show that they were appropriately considered during examination of this Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment, or to charge any additional fee required by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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Enclosures: Copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed March 26, 2008  
with Form PTO-1449 and copies of the cited non-patent literature;  
Copy of Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt showing  
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